

# Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2020 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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## **INTRODUCTION**

The 2020 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services would normally consist of three on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of the state detention standards. Due to the covid-19 global pandemic, we conducted one on-site facility inspection, along with staff and youth interviews, an audit of the state detention standards, and conducted testing on the candlelight levels and ventilation in accordance to the standards requirement.

While the proposed Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards are in the process of being promulgated, Detention Facilities had the option to be audited on three hundred one (301) current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards.

LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2020, for their 24th annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and twenty-one (221) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance." Again, Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards. LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center chose to also provide documentation on the extra standards with exclusively new requirements. The breakdown of each audit listed below is only reflective of the current standards.

## FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Facility county:</b>	LaPorte
<b>Governing authority:</b>	LaPorte Circuit Court
<b>Name of facility administrator:</b>	Erika Stallworth
<b>Detention Director:</b>	Dennis Orr
<b>Detention facility's mission:</b>	To provide services and programs to the juvenile courts of LaPorte County. The primary goal is to effectively service the troubled youth of the county by intervening in the least restrictive manner. LaPorte County recognizes that juveniles, being different from adults, shall be served in a manner different than and separately from adults. The facility is structured to provide services to juveniles as opposed to being punitive and protects juveniles from abuses that might occur in adult institutions. All programs will meet applicable Constitutional, Federal and State laws, local ordinances and standards and regulations set forth by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Indiana Department of Child Services, Indiana Department of Correction and the American Correctional Association. This policy will be reviewed at least annually by the Director, the Judge of La Porte Circuit Court and or his/her designee and the Advisory Board and revised as needed.
<b>Rated capacity:</b>	12
<b>Population on date of first audit:</b>	5
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months:</b>	5.3
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months:</b>	20.7
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):</b>	Tiling replaced in the staff lounge and the Secure intake area.
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):</b>	Had the Simplex fire panel replaced. Parking lot was repaved and striped. New water mix temperature valve was installed to better track the shower temperatures and allow for remote adjustments.
<b>De-escalation techniques training:</b>	Handle with Care
<b>Physical force techniques training:</b>	Handle with Care
<b>Chemical agents permitted:</b>	No
<b>Name of food service provider:</b>	LaPorte County Juvenile Services
<b>Name of food service supervisor:</b>	Kathleen Wilfong
<b>Name of health care authority</b>	Dr. Michael Brown, MD – private contract

<b>individual or agency and license/certification:</b>	
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:</b>	Lynn Roe, LSW Caroline Maslankowski, LSW
<b>Education Services:</b>	Education services are provided by La Porte County Juvenile Services. Youth attend school year round and are eligible to earn credits towards their high school diploma if they are currently enrolled in school when they arrive at the detention center.

### LaPorte County 2020 Audit

<b>Standards:</b>	<b><u>All Mandatory Standards, Security Standards, and Training Plan (8-3-52)</u></b>
<b>On-site Visit Conducted: August 17, 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Fifty-One Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>16 Mandatory and 35 Recommended</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>1 Administration Standard, 7 Safety Standards, 23 Security Standards, 3 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, 15 Medical Standards, and 2 Mental Health Standards</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0</li> <li>• Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 35</li> </ul>
<b>Auditors:</b>	Rachel McCaffrey, Terrie Decker, and Kristin Herrmann (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
<b>Facility Tour:</b>	The facility tour was conducted by Dennis Orr. This inspection focused on mandatory standards. Areas such as medical, janitorial closet, kitchen, visitation rooms, search areas, private interview rooms, youth rooms, youth living areas, personal and property areas, mechanical and safety areas were inspected. It was ensured that staff had access to the Emergency Manual.
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	Two youths were interviewed, one male and one female.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	Both youths interviewed said that they had never felt unsafe and that their environment was in good working condition. One did complain about the rooms being cold and the temperature seeming to constantly change. Both said that they had gone through a fire drill and that they were counted and taken to a different part of the building. Both youths suggested better reading material and to have more paper and things to do in their room.

<b>Staff Interviews:</b>	Two line staff were interviewed, with one having control experience.
<b>Staff Responses:</b>	Both staff went through the process of an emergency evacuation. Youth will be released from rooms by controls (with a key as back-up) and they will be escorted out and count will be conducted. With disabled or high-risk youth they will be assigned two staff. They then described the information found in the permanent log on the housing units to have the count, inventory, movement, health, Covid-19 information, and shift changes. Both staff then said that mechanical restraints are available, but must have approval from counselors and supervisor. Both staff said their received medical and mental health training upon employment and further training annually. Lastly, they handle youth detoxification by receiving specific instructions from medical and will be given extra food.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	None

<b>Standards:</b>	<b>Safety, Justice &amp; Order, and Education Standards</b>
<b>Desk Audit Conducted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>70 Total Recommended Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>27 Safety Standards, 37 Justice &amp; Order Standards, and 6 Education Standards</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 69</li> </ul>
<b>Auditor:</b>	Rachel McCaffrey
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	Two youths were interviewed, one male and one female.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	Both youths said they had received their facility handbook and understood the rules and punishments. One youth did not necessarily agree with them, but understood they had to follow them. One youth said they did have contact with their probation officer and the visit was not entirely private. Both youths really enjoy the educational program and said it was much easier than normal school. One liked that everything was not on the computer.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	None

<b>Standards:</b>	<b><u>Food Service &amp; Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u></b>
<b>Desk Audit Conducted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Fifty-Three Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>16 Food Service &amp; Hygiene Standards, 13 Medical Standards, 4 Mental Health Standards, and 20 Programs &amp; Services Standards</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 53</li> </ul>
<b>Auditor:</b>	Rachel McCaffrey
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	Two youths were interviewed, one male and one female.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	Both youths said the food was okay and that they did received three, regularly scheduled meals with two of them being hot. They said they received all necessary items during intake and received clean clothing every day and clean bedding once a week on Saturday. Neither had any concerns about medical and felt that they were cared for and their medical and mental health was kept confidential.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	None

<b>Standards:</b>	<b><u>Administration Standards</u></b>
<b>File Review Only</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Sixty-One Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>61 Administration Standards</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 61</li> </ul>
<b>Auditors:</b>	Rachel McCaffrey
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	None

Was the facility required to implement a corrective action plan as a result of the audit? **NO**/YES

**CONCLUSION**

LaPorte Juvenile Services Center chose to be audited on the proposed standards, which corresponds with the current (301) detention standards and received a score of 100% compliance with the mandatory standards and 100% of the recommended standards.

**The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new proposed detention standards.**

Therefore, LaPorte Juvenile Services Center is in compliance with the 2020 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing

Please contact me at (812) 929-3980 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rachel McCaffrey**

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Erika Stallworth, Director  
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pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)  
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